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Lawver Awarded Scholarship

McDonough Telephone (MDTC) is pleased to announce that Erica Lawver of the Industry exchange is the recipient of a \$2,500 college scholarship from MDTC and the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association's (NTCA's) Foundation for Rural Service (FRS).

The FRS scholarship program annually awards \$75,000 in scholarships to rural youth across the United States. Out of over 1,200 applications received this year, thirty scholarships were awarded. The goal of the scholarship program is to help further higher education opportunities among rural high school students. MDTC strongly supports the youth of our communities and is pleased to sponsor this worthwhile program.

Scholarship recipients were selected by an independent team of reviewers from the education field. To be eligible, recipients must be sponsored by a NTCA member system and must indicate a desire to return to their rural communities once their collegiate studies have been completed.

"We're excited to offer this program," said Bill Buchanan, MDTC president. "The FRS scholarship program lets rural tele-

communications providers show their support of the youth living in the communities they serve. It's a source of pride for us and for the entire community when one of our students is chosen."

Erica just graduated from Macomb High School and will be attending Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois this fall. She plans to major in communications. Music, theatre and Spanish were special interests of Erica's through high school. She is active in her church and youth group and went on a mission trip to El Salvador in June.

We wish Erica the best of luck in attaining her goals.



MDTC president Bill Buchanan presents scholarship winner Erica Lawver with a certificate of congratulations.

White Prairie Farms to Hold Field Tours

Gerald White of White Prairie Farms has been carrying out a Prairie Restoration project on his land at 3515 N. 600th Road, Colchester. The eight acre plot was formerly a row crop field. To begin the process of restoring the land to its original condition, the seeds of native plants were sowed in 2004. In April 2008 a controlled prairie burn was conducted on one-third of the prairie aided by a number of volunteers including several MDTC employees.

White would now like to invite the public to his farm to see the how the

prairie is progressing. The Field Day Tours will take place on Friday, July 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. View the field via guided walking tour or by hay rack. Door prizes of prairie plants and bluebird houses will be given out to visitors.

Contact White at gerald@macomb.com or call 309-776-4592 to register for the tours.



New Face in the Business Office

On May 18, 2008 Kari Mundhenk joined the MDTC staff as a customer service representative in the Colchester office.

Kari was raised in Missouri, just outside of St. Louis, but came to Colchester by way of Anchorage, Alaska bringing with her great stories about unique wildlife encounters and the long days and even longer nights. She's lived in Colchester since May 2006 and is engaged to A.J. Busard who has a four-year old daughter, Jade.

In her free time ... well, Kari really doesn't have a lot of free time. She's attending Spoon River College and is close to receiving an Associate's Degree in psychology. Kari then plans to continue her studies in graphic design.

"I really enjoy working in this office," said Kari. "It is just saturated with positive feelings. Everyone who works here seems to know almost all of the customers, and I'm anxious to have my own personal connection with them, too."

Welcome to the team, Kari!

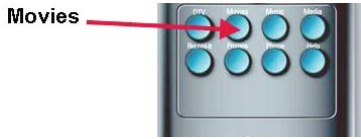


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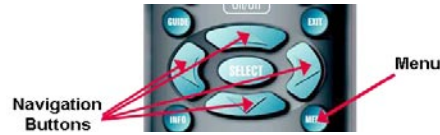
Video On Demand Is a Hit!

Have you watched your free movie yet? All eligible MTC-TV subscribers received one free Video On Demand (VOD) rental to demonstrate the variety of films available and the convenience of renting the film you want to see when you want to see it.



Movies that recently premiered on VOD are: Rambo; Semi-Pro; National Treasure: Book of Secrets; 10,000 B.C.; and The Bucket List. To look at the complete listing of available movies, press the "Movies" button on your remote control. Browse through the collection using your remote's navigation buttons. Find a movie by searching for category,

title or keyword. To order a movie, you must always enter your Purchase PIN unless you've chosen to disable it.



If there are children in your home, you may wish to set Parental Controls. Press "Menu" on your remote and choose the "Account Info/Settings" menu. To enter the "Parental Controls" menu, enter your Master PIN (this is not the same as your Purchase PIN). To set your default movie rating, select "MPAA Ratings" and choose G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17 or NR. The "VCHIP Ratings" option controls the default rating of regular television content.

Call our business office if you have any questions about VOD. Happy viewing!

Attention Lifeline and Monitor Users

If you are a Lifeline user or are monitoring an at-risk baby, please notify Tracey Parks, our plant records clerk, by dialing 611. In the event of an outage, persons with Lifeline or a monitoring system are given priority status in having their service restored so it is vital our subscribers keep us informed of such special circumstances. Our records will then accurately indicate

the households where an outage might result in an emergency situation. New Lifeline and monitor users will be asked for certification from a physician.

We also request you inform us when a Lifeline or baby monitor is taken out of service so we can update our records. Your assistance will help us to serve you better. Thank you!

Allocation Ratio for 2007 Announced

Each year, according to its bylaws, the cooperative allocates all member revenue in excess of operating costs and expenses to the membership. The allocation figure is arrived at by dividing member operating margins by total payments received. For 2007, the allocation ratio is .484354. To determine each member's capital credit allocation, the dollar amount the member paid to Mc-Donough Telephone for services in 2007 has been multiplied by the allocation ratio. Allocation notices were mailed in June. If you didn't receive your notice, contact our office.

Happy 4th of July

Our business office will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. As you gather with your family and friends this year, we hope you celebrate the many freedoms we enjoy in the United States.

Directory Additions

Bell, William K.	776-3371
Berry, Robert L.	449-3821
Cremer, Mike	776-3055
Curtsinger, Ken & Dana	254-3484
Dorethy, Wayne & Linda	776-5278
Fye, Samantha	325-7229
Lamb, Jeffrey & Trelane	652-3329
Schnathorst, Rebecca	449-3493
Septer, Sandy	449-3741
Settles, Ronald	776-3405
Tin Roof Treats	652-3500
Titus, Brandon & Alicia	449-3722
Tones, Jeff & April	776-3829

Lomax Office Schedule JULY 2008

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Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Closed for Lunch 11:30 a.m. to noon
 July 15 - Bills Due • July 25 - Disconnect Day
 July 4th - Independence Day

Colchester's 3rd Annual Arts Festival
SATURDAY, JULY 5
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
** NEW LOCATION **
City Park on Rt. 136

All artists are invited to participate
 No Entry Fee - No Prizes

Live Music!
 9-noon Wild Moon
 1-4 pm Dr. Bob & Friends
 Food available onsite and at local businesses